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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – **Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) will hold a press conference call on Thursday, February 10 at 11:15 a.m. Central Time**

to discuss his meeting with Veterans Administration Secretary Eric Shinseki, the latest developments regarding the news of major safety lapses at the John Cochran VA Medical Center, and Carnahan's efforts to push for an independent investigation into the matter. Carnahan will meet with Secretary Shinseki Thursday morning for a frank discussion on Cochran, and how both policies and the culture of the organization have contributed to ongoing problems.

Last week, Carnahan called for a top-to-bottom, independent review of the facility in wake of reports that the facility has cancelled all surgeries after evidence of a possible new sterilization problem. During Thursday's call, Carnahan will detail his meeting with Secretary Shinseki, and how he hopes the VA will resolve the Cochran Center's issues moving forward.

New for this Congress, Carnahan has accepted an assignment on the House Committee on

Veterans' Affairs, a post he has said will help him push for better patient care at the Cochran facility and other VA Medical Centers. In 2010, Carnahan was one of only 20 "exceptional leaders" to earn a perfect A+ rating on veterans' issues from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Action Fund.

Carnahan To Hold Press Conference Call To Discuss Meeting with VA Secretary Shinseki

11:015a.m. CT (12:12p.m. ET)

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